

HOUSE BILL No. 2536

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning colleges and universities; relating to the state board
10 of regents; repealing K.S.A. 74-3205a, 74-3205b, 74-3205c and 74-
11 3205d.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) For the purpose of expediting the exercise of powers
15 and the performance of functions and duties of the state board of regents,
16 there is derived from the state board a commission for community col-
17 leges and technical education, a commission for public universities, a
18 commission for higher education coordination and a commission for over-
19 sight of facility maintenance and management. Each commission shall be
20 composed of three members who are members of the state board. Within
21 30 days of the effective date of this act and at least annually thereafter,
22 the chairperson of the state board shall designate the commission on
23 which each member shall serve. No more than one representative of any
24 one postsecondary educational institution shall be designated for service
25 on a commission. The members of each commission shall organize an-
26 nually by electing one member of their respective commissions as chair-
27 person. The chairperson of the state board may not serve as the chair-
28 person of a commission.

29 (b) In addition to the committees provided for in subsection (a), the
30 state board may establish and organize other commissions, committees,
31 advisory councils or groups as it deems necessary and appropriate to the
32 fulfillment of its constitutional and statutory responsibilities.

33 Sec. 2. (a) The commission for community colleges, technical col-
34 leges and technical education shall meet at Topeka at least quarterly in
35 each year on dates fixed by the commission. Special meetings may be
36 held upon the call of the chairperson of the commission or upon petition
37 to the chairperson by the other two members of the commission. The
38 date and place of all special meetings shall be designated in the call. Two
39 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
40 of business but one member may adjourn any regular or special meeting
41 to a definite time and place.

42 (b) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law or by
43 the state board, the commission for community colleges, technical col-

1 leges and technical education shall:

2 (1) Propose for adoption by the state board rules and regulations for
3 supervision of the community colleges, technical colleges and technical
4 schools;

5 (2) provide state wide planning for community colleges, technical col-
6 leges and technical schools;

7 (3) initiate plans for institutional advancement and new educational
8 programs and courses of instruction;

9 (4) review existing and proposed educational programs, courses of
10 instruction, and program and course locations and make recommenda-
11 tions to the state board for approval or disapproval of such programs,
12 courses and locations for state funding purposes;

13 (5) review requests of community colleges, technical colleges and
14 technical schools for state funding and formulate recommendations
15 thereon;

16 (6) identify core indicators of quality performance for community col-
17 leges, technical colleges and technical schools;

18 (7) develop each year a policy agenda for community colleges, tech-
19 nical colleges and technical schools;

20 (8) conduct continuous studies of ways to maximize the utilization of
21 resources available for community colleges, technical colleges and tech-
22 nical schools and formulate recommendations for improvement; and

23 (9) make reports on the performance of its functions and duties to-
24 gether with any proposals and recommendations it may formulate with
25 respect thereto at each regular meeting of the state board.

26 Sec. 3. (a) The commission for public universities shall meet at To-
27 peka at least quarterly in each year on dates fixed by the commission.
28 Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson of the
29 commission or upon petition to the chairperson by the other two mem-
30 bers of the commission. The date and place of all special meetings shall
31 be designated in the call. Two members of the commission shall constitute
32 a quorum for the transaction of business but one member may adjourn
33 any regular or special meeting to a definite time and place.

34 (b) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law or by
35 the state board, the commission for public universities shall:

36 (1) Propose for adoption by the state board rules and regulations for
37 operation and management of the state educational institutions;

38 (2) initiate plans for institutional advancement and new educational
39 programs and courses of instruction;

40 (3) formulate budget requests for the state educational institutions;

41 (4) review existing educational programs and courses of instruction
42 at the public universities and evaluate the educational and economic jus-
43 tification, or lack thereof, for such programs and courses;

- 1 (5) identify core indicators of quality performance for public
2 universities;
 - 3 (6) make recommendations to the state board with respect to the
4 appointment of chief executive officers of the state educational
5 institutions;
 - 6 (7) develop each year a policy agenda for public universities;
 - 7 (8) conduct continuous studies of ways to maximize the utilization of
8 resources available for public universities and formulate recommenda-
9 tions for improvement; and
 - 10 (9) make reports on the performance of its functions and duties to-
11 gether with any proposals and recommendations it may formulate with
12 respect thereto at each regular meeting of the state board.
- 13 Sec. 4. (a) The commission for higher education coordination shall
14 meet at Topeka at least quarterly in each year on dates fixed by the com-
15 mission. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson
16 of the commission or upon petition to the chairperson by the other two
17 members of the commission. The date and place of all special meetings
18 shall be designated in the call. Two members of the commission shall
19 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business but one member may
20 adjourn any regular or special meeting to a definite time and place.
- 21 (b) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law or by the
22 state board, the commission for higher education coordination shall:
- 23 (1) Conduct continuous review and evaluation of the comprehensive
24 plan for coordination of higher education and make recommendations as
25 deemed necessary and appropriate for amendment, revision or modifi-
26 cation of the plan;
 - 27 (2) review existing and proposed educational programs, courses of
28 instruction, and program and course locations and make recommenda-
29 tions to the state board with respect to the coordination of such programs,
30 courses and locations;
 - 31 (3) collect and analyze data and maintain a uniform postsecondary
32 education data base;
 - 33 (4) formulate recommendations for resolution of conflicts among and
34 between postsecondary educational sectors and institutions;
 - 35 (5) compile and coordinate core indicators of quality performance for
36 postsecondary educational institutions;
 - 37 (6) broker affiliations and mergers of postsecondary educational
38 institutions;
 - 39 (7) coordinate a state system interface with municipal universities and
40 with private colleges and universities;
 - 41 (8) formulate budget requests for state student financial assistance
42 programs; and
 - 43 (9) make reports on the performance of its functions and duties to-

1 together with any proposals and recommendations it may formulate with
2 respect thereto at each regular meeting of the state board.

3 Sec. 5. The commission for oversight of facility maintenance and
4 management shall meet at Topeka at least quarterly in each year on dates
5 fixed by the commission. Special meetings may be held upon the call of
6 the chairperson of the commission or upon petition to the chairperson
7 by the other two members of the commission. The date and place of all
8 special meetings shall be designated in the call. Two members of the
9 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business but
10 one member may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a definite
11 time and place.

12 (b) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law or by
13 the state board, the commission for oversight of facility maintenance and
14 management shall:

15 (1) Propose for adoption by the state board a long-range plan for the
16 repair, maintenance and management of facilities at postsecondary edu-
17 cational institutions;

18 (2) establish criteria for the prioritization of projects for the repair
19 and maintenance of facilities at postsecondary educational institutions;
20 and

21 (3) make recommendations for the funding of the costs of the repair
22 and maintenance of facilities at postsecondary educational institutions.
23 Such recommendations shall include specific alternatives to the use of
24 state general fund moneys.

25 Sec. 6. (a) The state board of regents shall adopt energy conservation
26 standards for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair or
27 remodeling of facilities at postsecondary educational institutions.

28 (b) The state board of regents shall not approve the plan, design,
29 construction, reconstruction, repair or remodeling of any facility at a pos-
30 tsecondary educational institution unless such plan, design, construction,
31 reconstruction, repair or remodeling is performed in accordance with
32 energy conservation standards adopted by the state board.

33 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 74-3205a, 74-3205b, 74-3205c and 74-3205d are
34 hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the statute book.